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Hello, representatives of the committee. My name is Mabon, and I live in Portland and study sustainable energy and building science at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, and I urge you to support the proposed amendment to this bill.

The plug-in solar unit allowances included in this proposal would be a massive boon to people struggling with high electricity prices in Maine. These units are particularly beneficial to renters, such as myself and my mother, who cannot make use of the vast majority of rebates and incentives for energy-saving measures in housing. Plug-in solar units are more cost-effective, much simpler to install, and more widely applicable compared to rooftop solar installations. I know several people whose electricity bills reach over \$400 a month at times, which is, needless to say, entirely unsustainable and wildly unaffordable. Having access to a plug-in solar unit would dramatically reduce this financial stress, since any solar installation will pay for itself in electricity savings, and actively save money for its entire lifetime past that point. Notably, these units are not a radical new innovation in renewable energy. Many European countries have permitted use of them since the mid-2000's, and they have resulted in a proven benefit to customers' electricity expenses, utility grid load, and overall electrical infrastructure resilience.

Thank you for your support and consideration.